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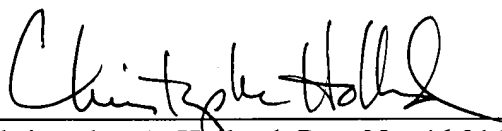
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For the above-referenced reissue application, Applicant hereby submits for surrender the attached original Patent No. 6,324,796. Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present application.

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